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RCE #

<b>REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL</b> Address to: MAIL STOP RCE Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450	<i>Application Number</i>	<b>09/733,385</b>
	<i>Filing Date</i>	<b>December 4, 2000</b>
	<i>First Named Inventor</i>	<b>Harrington</b>
	<i>Art Unit</i>	<b>2178</b>
	<i>Examiner</i>	<b>Matthew J. Ludwig</b>
	<i>Attorney Docket No.</i>	<b>A0657-US-NP XERZ 2 00809</b>

**This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.**

Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application.

**1. Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114**

a. ☒ Previously submitted. If a final Office Action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office Action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.

i. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief filed on

ii. ☐ Other.

b. ☒ Enclosed

i. ☐ Amendment/Reply

ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)

iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement, PTO-Form 1449 and references

iv. ☒ Other Preliminary Amendment

**2. Miscellaneous**

a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)

b. ☒ Applicant(s) hereby petition the Commissioner under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) and request a **3 month extension of time** to respond to the outstanding Office Action.

c. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

3. Fees (The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.114(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.)

CLAIMS AS FILED, LESS ANY CLAIMS CANCELED BY ABOVE-INDICATED AMENDMENT(S)

(1) FOR	(2) CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT LESS HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	(3) NUMBER EXTRA	(4) RATE	(5) CALCULATIONS
TOTAL CLAIMS (37 CFR 1.16(c))	9 - 20 =	0	x \$50	= \$0.00
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS (37 CFR 1.16(b))	5 - 12 =	0	x \$200	= \$0.00
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS (IF APPLICABLE) (37 CFR 1.16(d))		ANY -- 0	x \$360	= \$0.00
APPLICATION SIZE FEE (FOR APPLICATION THAT EXCEEDS 100 SHEETS, FEE FOR EACH GROUP OF 50 ADDITIONAL SHEETS)	0 GROUP(S)		x \$250	= \$0.00
BASIC RCE FEE (37 CFR 1.16(a))				\$790.00
TOTAL LARGE ENTITY FEE =				\$790.00

Payment for the filing of this Request for Continued Examination, any appropriate extension of time fees (and if applicable, the search and examination fees) are authorized to be charged to a Credit Card.


The appropriate PTO form 2038 is enclosed. **If the Credit Card is unable to be charged, please charge any and all fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-0308.**

Respectfully submitted,

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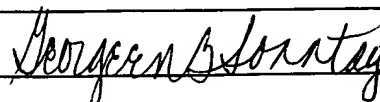
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- ☐ transmitted to the USPTO by facsimile in accordance with 37 CFR 1.18 on the date indicated below.

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